



Utah Traumatic Brain Injury Implementation Partnership Grant

2010 - 2014



Facts

- Grant begins **April 1, 2010** and ends **March 31, 2014**
- The total amount of the grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** is **\$1 million**
- Each year the grant totals **\$250,000 per year**
- Utah was only 1 of 3 states to be awarded the grant through a competitive process. The other two funded states were Minnesota and Pennsylvania.
- The grant is housed with the **Utah Department of Health (UDOH) , Violence and Injury Prevention Program**
- The grant with UDOH has oversight authority from the **Coordinating Council for People with Disabilities (CCPD)** as a statutorily mandated member and the **Utah Brain Injury Council (UBIC)** are operating as a committee of the CCPD to administer this grant along with UDOH.
- The CCPD has the authority established under Section **63-75-5.7** to:
 - coordinate the appropriate transition of persons with disabilities who receive services and support from one state agency to transition to receive services and support from another state agency;
 - coordinate policies governing the provision of services and support for persons with disabilities by state agencies; and
 - consider issues regarding eligibility for services and support and, where possible, develop uniform eligibility standards for state agencies.
- The **mission** of the **UBIC** is to **advocate** for, **facilitate**, and **guide** the **implementation** on a permanent and sustainable **statewide TBI system**.
- The grant has (3) primary **goals** and these are:
 - Foster **improvement** in the **TBI service delivery system**
 - Assure **access** to coordinated community **services** and supports for **young children** (ages birth -4) with TBI.
 - Assure **access** to coordinated community services for **Service members and veterans** of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) who have TBI.
- **Groups** at high risk for a TBI that the grant will **target** include:
 - Young children (0-4) with TBI and their families;
 - Veterans and service members from Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and their families; and
 - Hispanic/Latinos and American Indians

Statistics

- In 2007, **2,688 Utahns sustained a TBI** serious enough to result in hospitalization (2,329) or death (500 deaths) for a rate of 10.0 per 10,000.
- Other notes of interest for 2007 TBI cases in UT include:
 - Of the **500 deaths**, 359 died before ever reaching the hospital;
 - **62% of hospitalizations** were **males** & 38% were females, mean age of 40;
 - **Falls and motor vehicle crashes** were the **leading causes** of TBI;
 - Utahns **age 65+** years had the **highest rates** of TBI, as a result of a **fall**;
 - Utahns **ages 30-64** years are most likely to sustain a TBI as a result of a **motor vehicle crash, assault or sports** related injury;
 - Utahns **ages 0-4** were most likely to sustain a TBI as a result of a **fall**.

Speaking Points

- Developing **statewide capabilities** to address **family and person-directed resources** for individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and their families. is **critical**.
- Utah faces **challenges ensuring access** to services for **young children, service members and veterans**, and **individuals of color** with a TBI.
- Young **children** are often **not identified** as having a TBI and **services** are **not appropriately** designed.
- In **2008**, in Utah **only 9** (preschool-k) and **291** (ages 6-21) **students** with TBI **were identified and received services** in the public **schools**.
- UT's significantly **higher population of children** could **indicate** that **more children in UT have a mild TBI than** the **national** incidence of 1.5 million.
- **Veterans in rural and remote areas** cannot access services easily and often are **not aware** of local **resources**.
- **Native Americans and Latinos** with TBI have **limited access to services and supports** for a TBI.
- **Improvements** are needed in the **TBI service delivery system** that will **allow** for **person-directed and family-centered** supports.
- **Changes in organizational policy and procedures** for those agencies serving individuals with TBI are needed.
- A few of the **past** funded grant **successes** include:
 - **Conducting** a statewide **needs and resource assessment** in 2007.
 - Developing an **action plan that guides TBI activities** in the state.
 - Passing legislation to create a **TBI Fund** to help those without any other available resources.
 - Partnership between Utah Division of Services for People with Disabilities and the Utah State University, Center for Persons with Disabilities to develop specific **TBI training for state agencies seeing clients** with a TBI.
 - As a **result of training** the Division of **Mental Health and Substance Abuse** and the county mental health provider system **acknowledged** and are addressing the needs of those who have the **co-occurring conditions of mental illness and TBI**.
- Utah feels **fortunate** as only **one of three states** to receive this grant.